

# *Sangamon Valley LEPC*

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## Summary Report Relative to LEPC Activities During 2013

*During calendar year 2013, the Sangamon Valley LEPC convened regularly scheduled meetings on five occasions: January 17, March 21, May 16, September 19 and November 21. A quorum of our membership was present at each of these meetings. Meetings were held at the Office of the State Fire Marshal (2, January/November), Sangamon County Dispatch Center (1, March), Athens City Hall (1, May) and the Sangamon County Office of Emergency Management (1, September).*

*The January LEPC meeting was attended by 23 members and 4 visitors. It provided the Chair, David Butt, with the opportunity to present the committee with the 2012 LEPC Summary Report which was reviewed and approved for submission to the State Emergency Response Committee (SERC). Prior to the year's start, our independent planner, Matt Helms, had completed site specific plans for 80 active facilities storing Extremely Hazardous Substances (EHS), 10 facilities storing Propane and 2 facilities storing Bulk Fuel at a terminal. No active facility had ever failed to receive its annual plan update, recognizing that 3 facilities that previously had plans (1 EHS and 2 Propane) have been vacated.*

*At the January meeting it was known only to the Chair that Matt was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease. A contract for a second independent planner was approved to help Matt. Actual intentions were for the workload to be transferred beginning with the plans needing updates in March.*

*The March LEPC meeting was attended by 20 members and 7 visitors. New Tier 2 Reports are requested from all filers by March 1. Our LEPC had received all 12 expected for Menard County and 130 of 133 expected for Sangamon County. The LEPC made its annual review of the Comprehensive Emergency Response Plan for Sangamon County as required by EPCRA. Revisions to the plan were accepted. The committee was informed that Matt had retired from the planning project at the end of February and, with his permission, the detail of his diagnosis was shared. The completion of the LEPC's addressing project for Sangamon County was announced and wrap up for the meeting was a tour of the Dispatch Center provided by members Joe Kloba and Mike Lopez, who led this project. The tour's purpose was to show how all addresses that correspond with a filed Tier 2 Report have an icon on the dispatcher's display as forewarning that one or more dangerous chemicals are present at that site.*

*The May LEPC meeting was attended by 17 members and 4 visitors. This was the fifth year that we held our May meeting in Menard County. This is something we intend to continue. Our progress on receiving 2012 Tier 2 Reports was deemed as complete, with a total of 147 received. The Chair told the committee that each of the 8 newest facilities filing Tier 2 Reports within the past year for our planning district came to us because the LEPC identified their need to file. The most recent 6 are all for Chlorine. Additionally, we have identified that the municipalities of Riverton, Greenview and Athens are also storing Chlorine and need to file Tier 2 Reports.*

*A report was given on the annual Midwest Emergency Preparedness and Response Conference in early May, including how our 2 attendees worked through a tabletop exercise on its last day with a group that also included attendees from Lake, Grundy and Whiteside counties. The LEPC made its annual review of the Comprehensive Emergency Response Plan for Menard County as required by EPCRA. Revisions to the plan were accepted.*

*On June 9, the Chair was notified of the passing of Matt Helms. This information was shared with all members. The next weekend, an LEPC team participated in the Walk to Defeat ALS at Washington Park, bringing pledges totaling \$750. While our July meeting was again skipped in 2013 (as a sort of summer vacation for the LEPC), there was no shortage of work being done by the Chair toward the application for our Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning (HMEP) grant.*

*The September LEPC meeting was attended by 18 members and 9 visitors. It was our annual meeting giving the public an opportunity to review planning documents and ask questions. A press release to this effect had been issued and the visitors attended for the primary purpose to look over our plans. A total of 2 comprehensive county plans and 92 site specific plans were on display: 52 plans for EHS storage above the threshold planning quantity (TPQ); 28 plans for EHS storage below the TPQ, 10 plans for Propane storage and 2 plans for Bulk Fuel at a terminal. Only 13 of these plans were updated in January and February, as the second independent planner that we hired had resigned without completing any work that we could pay him for. One visitor to our annual meeting remained past noon discussing with the Chair prospects for assisting the LEPC with our site specific planning project, since she was retired from the Illinois Air National Guard (IANG) last spring.*

*The November LEPC meeting was attended by 13 members and 5 visitors. The Chair reported that allocation for the HMEP grant was still uncertain, but that it appeared that Matt Helms' past performance on our site specific planning project would still qualify our LEPC for close to \$30,000 of funding. With this expectation, the LEPC approved hiring Beth Skeeters as our next independent planner. She had already had conversations with LEPC members representing the regulated facilities of the IANG; City Water, Light and Power (CWLP) and Memorial Medical Center (MMC) to begin updating their plans. A report was given that the municipalities of Riverton, Greenview and Athens had all been in contact with the SERC to show their intention to begin filing Tier 2 Reports for the Chlorine being stored and used by each. Material Data Safety Sheets were already received by the LEPC from all 3 municipalities.*

*Before November had ended, our new independent planner contacted the Chair with news that the Department of Defense had offered her a full-time contractual position. She remains committed to her task of updating the plans for IANG, CWLP and MMC. On December 30, the updates for IANG and CWLP were provided to the Chair and work with MMC was continuing.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

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*LEPC Chair*